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SUBJECT: JAPANESE INDUSTRY PETITION TO MITI TO LOWER JAPANESE
TARIFFS ON COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER PERIPHERALS

REF: TOKYO 14300

1. SUMMARY: JAPAN TRADE ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS
(JTACS) HAS PETITIONED MITI TO REDUCE TARIFF ON COMPUTER
PERIPHERALS. PETITION CALLS UPON JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO
INITIATE ACTION TO REDUCE TARIFF ON PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT
(22.5 PERCENT) TO LEVEL EQUAL TO THAT ON CENTRAL PROCESSING UNITS
(13.5 PERCENT). THIS ACTION SUPPORTS USG EFFORTS TO
IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES IN JAPAN FOR A MAJOR U.S. EXPORT
INDUSTRY. JTACS REQUESTS THAT IT NOT BE CITED AS SOURCE
OF THIS INFORMATION. SUMMARY OF PETITION IS GIVEN HERE.
FULL TEXT PLUS JTACS STUDY ON TARIFF RATES ON COMPUTER
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IMPORTS TO JAPAN WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT
VIA AIRGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. JTACS REPRESENTATIVE CALLED ON EMBOFF ON
SEPTEMBER 22 TO DELIVER COPY OF PETITION (WITH
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRANSLATION) THAT JTACS RECENTLY
PRESENTED TO MITI. PETITION WAS HANDED OVER TO

MR. KANICHI ITO, DIRECTOR OF ELECTRONICS POLICY
DIVISION IN MACHINERY AND INFORMATION INDUSTRIES
BUREAU OF MITI AND TO FOUR OTHER MITI OFFICIALS.

3. PETITION CITES GOJ SUCCESS IN BUILDING UP SIX
MAJOR JAPANESE COMPUTER MANUFACTURERS TO POINT OF
ESTABLISHING INDEPENDENCE OF JAPANESE COMPUTER
INDUSTRY. PETITION THEN NOTES THAT SINCE JAPANESE
COMPUTER INDUSTRY IS QUOTE MATURED, COMPETITIVE
INDUSTRY UNQUOTE, GOVERNMENT SHOULD PREPARE FOR
A CHANGE IN JAPANESE TARIFF RATES WHICH, PETITION
NOTES, ARE QUOTE FAR HIGHER THAN IN OTHER INDUSTRI-
ALIZED COUNTRIES UNQUOTE. HEART OF JTACS PROPOSAL
IS THAT SINCE JAPANESE PERIPHERALS ARE NOW COMPETI-
TIVE WITH FOREIGN-MADE PERIPHERALS, TARIFF RATE ON
PERIPHERALS (22.5 PERCENT) SHOULD BE LOWERED TO SAME RATE
AS THAT ON CENTRAL PROCESSING UNITS (13.5 PERCENT). PETITION
REQUESTS QUOTE GOVERNMENT'S PROMPT ACTION TO INITIATE
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL. IT IS SIGNED
BY MR. KOSHI SAWADA, PRESIDENT OF JTACS.

EMBASSY NOTE. JTACS REPRESENTATIVE HAS TOLD
US THAT JTACS HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO REQUEST
THAT GOVERNMENT LOWER TARIFF RATES ON CPU AND
PERIPHERALS TO SAME LEVEL AS THOSE IN EFFECT IN
U.S. HOWEVER, UPON OBJECTION OF MITI, THIS
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REQUEST WAS ELIMINATED.

5. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD FULL TEXT OF PROPOSAL, PLUS
SIX-PAGE STUDY OF TARIFF RATES ON COMPUTER IMPORTS
INTO JAPAN VIA AIRGRAM TO DEPARTMENT. PROPOSAL
FOR REVISION OF TARIFF RATES IN THIS STUDY, IN
ADDITION TO REQUEST CONTAINED IN PROPOSAL DELIVERED
TO MITI, CALLS FOR LOWERING QUOTE AT THE EARLIEST
POSSIBLE TIME UNQUOTE TARIFF RATES ON BOTH PERIPHERALS
AND CPU TO FIVE TO SIX PERCENT.

6. JTACS IS SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE TO MITI REACTION
AND THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT IT NOT BE CITED AS
SOURCE OF ABOVE INFORMATION.
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